

HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter—Spring 2024

A message from Mrs.Fletcher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another extremely busy and productive term. It has been a pleasure watching the pupils engage in their learning and celebrate their successes. Spring term is always a difficult one for our older pupils as they prepare for their GCSEs. Our Year 11s have worked extremely hard and did themselves and the school proud, completing their curriculum and testing their knowledge and skills in mock examinations. This preparation ensures they know exactly what they need to work on for the summer examinations and all of them have shown great resilience and maturity in applying themselves to get the best possible outcomes. We have every faith in them and know they will do us proud.

The rest of the school have been focusing on 'reading for pleasure'. There has been a significant number of words and books read with twenty of our pupils meeting all three reading targets and securing a place on our literacy educational visit to Liverpool Central Library. This is nearly double the number of pupils than last term which is fantastic. If parents and carers at home can support their child with reading, this would continue to drive our literacy strategy even further.

Our collaboration with The Rose School in Burnley is going from strength to strength. Our pupils have welcomed visits from various staff at the school and showcased the excellent work and behaviour at Hope High School. As always when we have visitors, pupils are a credit to themselves and the school. This will continue in the summer term.

This week you will receive a copy of our Spring Parental Questionnaire, please take some time to complete this as we value your opinion and are always looking at ways, we can improve our provision and support.

Thank you as always for the support you give to us. Our new school term starts April 15th, 2024. Have a happy Easter holiday with your families and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in the new term.

Mrs L.Fletcher Head of School

January

Year 8 have been exploring their new topic in RE, Hinduism. They have had a wonderful week creating clay models of Hindu God Ganesha. Well done Year 8!



Parent Progress Meetings

Dear Parents,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your attendance at our recent Parent Progress Evening. Your engagement and participation play a vital role in nurturing the academic and personal growth of our students. Your commitment to staying involved in their education demonstrates the importance you place on their success. Together, we create a supportive community where students thrive. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in shaping a brighter future for our student.

Additionally, we would like to remind parents of Year 11 pupils that the next Parent Progress Evening is scheduled for March 27th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Mr. Davison

February



Miss Hustwitt took Year 7 on a day trip to Eureka!. The trip was extremely successful, all the students had a great time. This trip provided the students with the understanding how STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) influences their life. The museum allowed the students to explore the galleries (Nature, Body, Home) and ignite their curiosity through experiments and hands on learning.



Educational Visits

The year 10 and 11's have been attending educational visits to various colleges across the North west as part of the careers Package we offer at Hope High School. Since returning in September pupils have visited the following collages:

- Southport
- Preston
- West Lancs
- Myerscough College

All pupils where a credit to the school and used the information and experience gained to inform their career and educational aspirations.



Mr Hitchen

National Careers Week

During National Careers week, our students accessed a carousel of activities during their PSHE lessons to help them develop essential skills, qualities, and knowledge to succeed in the world of work. Pupils where fully engaged during all sessions and demonstrated outstanding communication and teamwork skills throughout the sessions. Below are examples of our pupils engaging in their lessons.



Year 11 Mock Interviews

All Year 11 pupils, and Joshua Blackwell undertook Mock interviews on Friday 8th of March as part of the Careers package we offer at Hope High School. Also Covering Gatsby Benchmark 8 (Personal Guidance). All pupils who attended their interviews conducted themselves in a professional manner using everything they have learned from their 1-2-1 sessions with Marisa, the school careers adviser. Marisa has conducted initial career's interviews with all year 11 pupils identifying strengths, weaknesses, and career aspirations. Followed by Expert advice on interview techniques and CV writing.

The Interview Panel and Interviews



Work experience

Looking to the future we have secured work placements, for Nikita Alty at St. Josephs Primary School. Saphire Bamber is hoping to attend St. James Primary School, and Ellie Bird who is looking forward to starting her work placement at Beacon View Residential Care home.

BOOK DAY

Hope High School pupils enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day this year! We wanted to share the message that books are not just about reading: books open opportunities to learn new skills and try new things.

Pupils enjoyed activities around four themes: Harry Potter and Art & Design; Percy Jackson and Sport; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Food Technology; Bear Grylls and Forest School. As well as listening to extracts from each book, pupils took part in a range of activities which stretched their imagination, creativity and physical health.

At the end of the day, we had a huge celebration assembly and prizes were awarded to a number of pupils for their engagement and participation. To end the event, we had a book swap where pupils were invited to select free books for themselves (or a family member) to enjoy. Thank you to parents, pupils and staff who donated books for this event.

We had a successful book themed day and we are already thinking about our next event! If you have any questions about reading or want recommendations and advice on how to encourage more reading at home, please contact school where we will be happy to help.



Kayleigh Thompson, Hope High School's Thrive Community Co-Ordinator, spent the day with pupils offsite including Sox, our therapy dog.









Hope High's BTEC Horticulture group have been planting 5 new fruit trees (apple, plum and pear) that have kindly been donated by The Tree Council.







Mr. Schofield, our Pastoral Manager welcomed a new addition to his family on 15th January. Baby Adeline was a healthy 8lb's. Mum and Adeline are doing very well!



Stable lives offers a calm, therapeutic provision, which involves horse therapy and animal care. Hope High's student, Meg has just achieved a Bronze award for caring for a horse. Well done Meg! This is a great achievement'.



Women's History Month

At Hope High School we have been celebrating Women's History month. Staff incorporated in lessons inspiring and influential women such as Katherine G.Johnson, Mary W.Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan whose film Hidden Figures is based upon, famous scientists such as Marie Curie, Frida Kahio an infamous artist who shaped modern art and the Suffragettes.

On Friday 9th March 2024 staff from Hope High celebrated International Women's Day





THANK YOU to our wonderful parents and carers. £73.00 was raised in aid of Comic Relief. For more information about Comic Relief please visit www.comifrelief.com

SPORTS DAY

On Monday we had our Easter Sport Day which was a real success. Our children had a fun-filled of outdoor activities and friendly day competition which provided our students with an opportunity to showcase their athletic and team spirit! Throughout the day our students participated in a variety of sports and games designed to promote teamwork, sportsmanship and physical activity. We believe that events like these are invaluable for fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among students.













In other news

Duke of Edinburgh

As part of their physical section within the Duke of Edinburgh award, pupils have been walking across the local Beacon Country Park, over sand dunes at Formby beach and now ventured around Dunham Massey.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder that uniform checks are now taking place daily, it is come to schools attention that a number of pupils are not wearing the correct uniform, please ensure your child is wearing:

- School shirt
- Black school trousers (No tracksuit bottoms/ joggers)
- School Skirt
- School jumper or Blazer
- All black shoes/ trainers
- Tie

If you have any issues regarding uniform or require support, please let us know.

GCSE Exams Summer 2024

As the GCSE exams loom on the horizon for May and June 2024, Hope High School has intensified its preparations to ensure our Year 10 and 11 students are equipped with the and knowledge skills necessary for success. The school has implemented a comprehensive revision program, providing tailored support and resources to each student based on their individual needs and learning styles. Dedicated teachers have conducted mock exams and targeted revision sessions, focusing on key subject areas and exam techniques.

Everyone at Hope High School wishes our students the very best of luck with their upcoming exams and we all hope our pupils achieve the results they deserve!

Up and coming....

Dates for Diary

Summer Term 2024

- 30th April—14th June GCSE period
- 1st July 3rd July Tower Wood Trip
- 15th July—17th July Tower Wood Trip

HAF—Targeted Youth Support—Easter Activities









breakfast

All children have the opportunity to have breakfast/east snack when they arrive at school and throughout the morning.



Tower Wood Trip

<u>1st July—3rd July</u>

A letter was emailed out on 29th February to all parents/carers of children who expressed interest in our residential trip which is taking place in July. The letter gives a breakdown of the trip including payment options, consent and an equipment list.



A reminder for parents/carers to please ensure that uniform is labelled. We are regularly being asked about lost uniform but unfortunately it can be difficult to find.

